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To: Chairman and Members, California Transportation Commission
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2002 STIP Staff Recommendations

Enclosed are the Commission Staff Recommendations for the 2002 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). State law requires that the Executive Director of the Commission make the Staff Recommendations available to the Commission, Caltrans, and regional agencies at least 20 days prior to the adoption of a new STIP. The Commission has scheduled the adoption of the 2002 STIP for its April 3-4 meeting in Sacramento.

The 2002 STIP adds three new programming years, FY 2004-05 through FY 2006-07. Under the 2002 STIP Fund Estimate adopted in August 2001, the total capacity for adding new projects is \$3.84 billion. Against this capacity, Caltrans and the state's regional transportation planning agencies have nominated about \$4.221 billion in new project funding. This means that the Commission cannot include all project nominations and must make choices about the projects to be included. The Commission must also match project funding to the year-by-year STIP capacity identified in the Fund Estimate.

The 2002 Staff Recommendations lay out a proposed STIP that conforms to the Fund Estimate and includes \$3.632 billion in project programming. That would leave \$208 million reserved for STIP amendments and adjustments, including cost increases due to project rescheduling.

The Staff Recommendations present a listing of all the projects recommended, together with specific concerns and unresolved issues identified by staff for the Commission's consideration in adopting the final STIP in April. The staff will present an update on these issues at the April 3-4 meeting.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure